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Date: May 17, 2001

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PATENT
Docket No. GC538-2

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Boston et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
Serial No.: 09/470,168) Examiner: Slobodyansky, E.
Filed: December 22, 1999)
For: Method for Producing Ascorbic)
Acid Intermediates)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 2000:

one month to _____; the extension fee is \$110.00.

two months to May 18, 2001; the extension fee is \$390.00.

three months to _____; the extension fee is \$890.00.

four months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,390.00.

five months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,890.00.

The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated _____.

[X] Charge \$390.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

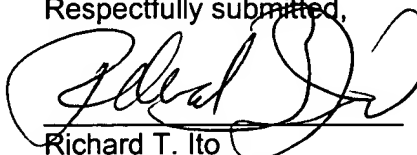
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R.
§§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit
Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC538-2). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard T. Ito', written over a horizontal line.

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Date: May 17, 2001

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